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1. The Soviet advisors to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry are basically and primarily agricultural experts.
2. Ageyev (fnu), on an inspection trip to an MTS<sup>1</sup> station in Gruenefelde (sic) District of Eberswalde, really aided the MTS director with practical advice which disclosed engineering and administrative knowledge. 25X1
3. Kudriavtsev (fnu), who is on a longer inspection tour of the LPGs (Landwirtschaftliche Produktionsgenossenschaften), is undoubtedly an agricultural expert.
4. Cheriomushkin (fnu) undoubtedly exercises a very strong influence in the Ministry, but the Minister, Paul Scholz, does not always follow Cheriomushkin's instructions. 25X1
5. Ageyev has made remarks to the effect that Soviet standards need not be necessarily applied to the East German agricultural situation and that there was no need to copy everything that was done in the USSR. He has also mentioned the role of the MTS not only as a technological tool for implementing Soviet agricultural methods, but also as a "political means of control" (which would indicate that he is fully aware of the double role of the MTS). He seems to be entirely in agreement with these functions. 25X1

Comment. Machine and Tractor Stations.

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